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TAGS: EMIN, JM

SUBJECT: BAUXITE: COMPANIES ANNOUNCE PRODUCTION  
CUTBACKS AND REDUCTIONS IN WORK FORCE

1. SPEAKING AT A PRESS LUNCHEON, JACQUES GAGNON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ALCAN, JAMAICA, ANNOUNCED HIS COMPANY WAS CUTTING ITS PROJECTED EXPENDITURE IN JAMAICA FROM \$14 MILLION TO \$9 MILLION. HE ATTRIBUTED THE CUTBACK TO THE U.S. RE-CESSION, BUT SAID THE COMPANY STILL HOPED TO KEEP ABOVE THE MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS REQUIRED BY THE BAUXITE LEVY. (FOR ALCAN, 607,500 TONS PER QUARTER). GAGNON STATED THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED WOULD BE ABOUT 135 OF TOTAL WORK FORCE OF 1,850.

2. SECRETARY TO BAUXITE COMMISSION IRWIN ANGUS TOLD ECONOFF ALPART EXPECTED TO CUT PRODUCTION BY 10 PERCENT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN LAYOFF OF ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF WORK FORCE. ALPART QUOTA IS 646,500 TONS PER QUARTER.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VARIOUS COMPANIES PRODUCTION CUTBACKS IN U.S. HAVE RECEIVED SOME PRESS COVERAGE HERE,  
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GENERAL LOCAL REPORTAGE HAS BEEN THAT OPERATIONS IN

JAMAICA WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. LAYOFFS MAY COMPLICATE  
WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMPANIES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO  
BEGIN NEXT WEEK. SHOULD COMPANIES REQUEST ADJUSTMENTS  
IN MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS, GOJ REVENUES WILL BE  
ADVERSELY AFFECTED. IN 1975 GOJ EXPECTS TO EARN ABOUT  
\$182 MILLION FROM BAUXITE LEVY, \$20 MILLION OF WHICH  
IS OWED FROM 1974.  
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